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MEDIA RELEASE

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| INCIDENT TYPE: | DATE/TIME REPORTED: | |
| Stolen vehicle, Negligent Operation and Driving on a criminally suspended license. | 04/05/2015 at 0041 | |
| INCIDENT NUMBER: | LOCATION: | |
| 15BU8189 & 15BU8220 | Burlington, VT | |
| INVESTIGATOR: | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: | |
| Sr. Officer Will Drinkwine & Sgt. Brian LaBarge | 802-540-2269 | |
| AUTHOR: | | |
| Sgt. Brian LaBarge | | |
| SUSPECT: | AGE: | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Chad L. Paquette 09/26/1979 | 35 | Winooski, VT |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION: | | |
| Currently wanted for Driving on a suspended license, Violations of conditions of release, False information to a Police Officer, Burglary, Heroin possession, Marijuana possession, Possession of stolen property and Careless & Negligent operation of a motor vehicle. | | |

NARRATIVE:

On 04 April 2014, at approximately 1831 hours, Sr. Officer W. Drinkwine took a report of a stolen 2015 grey Fiat 500 rental car. The car was reportedly missing since 03 April 2015 at approximately 2030 hours.

On 05 April 2015, at approximately 0041 hours, Sgt. B. LaBarge observed the stolen 2015 grey Fiat at the intersection of North Willard Street and Riverside Avenue. Upon observing the stolen vehicle, the operator, later determined to be Chad L. Paquette turned the Fiat's lights off and accelerated south on North Willard Street at a high rate of speed.

Paquette subsequently traveled at a high rate of speed with no lights on until abandoning the vehicle a short distance away on Pomeroy Street near the intersection of Hyde Street. Upon abandoning the vehicle Paquette fled from the scene on foot. Paquette's passenger was located as she also attempted to leave the scene. A BPD K9 team conducted a track but was unable to locate Paquette. A search of the abandoned vehicle resulted in drug paraphernalia being seized.

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A check of Paquette's records revealed that his operator's license was criminally suspended and that he was also currently wanted on an active arrest warrant out of Vermont Superior Court, Chittenden Criminal Division for failing to appear for treatment court on 26 March 2015.

Paquette's underlying offenses for the warrant are as follows: Driving on a suspended license, Violations of conditions of release, False information to a Police Officer, Burglary, Heroin possession, Marijuana possession, Possession of stolen property and Careless & Negligent operation of a motor vehicle. As a result of this incident new criminal charges against Paquette are anticipated.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Chad L. Paquette is asked to call the Burlington Police Department at 802-658-2700 or Champlain Valley Crime Stoppers at 800-427-8477 or 864-6666.



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